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# Community *notes*

## Howard County Restaurant Weeks

**Monday, July 24 - Monday, August 7, 2017**

**\$15 - \$25 Lunch & \$25 - \$40 Dinner**



Howard County Restaurant Weeks is a bi-annual, fifteen day celebration of the local culinary scene in Howard County. Part of a national movement, restaurant weeks debuted here in 2008 in an effort to encourage visitors and residents to experience the wonderful culinary talent of Central Maryland.

See which restaurants are participating in Summer Restaurant Weeks [here](#).

Participating District 4 restaurants include:

Clyde's of Columbia ▪ 10221 Wincopin Circle  
The Melting Pot ▪ 5325 Village Center Drive, Suite 124  
Petit Louis on the Lake ▪ 10215 Wincopin Circle  
Ranazul ▪ 8171 Maple Lawn Boulevard, Suite 170  
Seasons 52 ▪ 10300 Little Patuxent Parkway  
The Turn House ▪ 11130 Willow Bottom Drive

There are currently 30 local restaurants to choose from, with more locations signing up each day. Don't forget to snap a photo of your meal and tag it with #HoCoRestaurantWeeks. You could win a gift card for a future dining experience!

## Greetings

It's another great summer weekend with opportunities to learn, be active, and have fun. Whatever you decide to do, I hope you enjoy every moment.

*Mary Kay*

## Artscape Festival

Enjoy Maryland's a one of a kind art festival, Artscape! Artscape features 150+ fine artists, fashion designers and craftspeople; visual art exhibits on and off-site, including exhibitions, outdoor sculpture, art cars, photography and the Janet & Walter Sondheim Prize; incredible live concerts on outdoor stages; a full schedule of performing arts including dance, opera, theater, film, experimental music and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra; family events such as hands-on projects, demonstrations, competitions, children's entertainers and street theater; and a delicious, international menu of food and beverages that is available throughout the festival site.



**When:** Friday, July 21 - Sunday, July 23, 2017

**Time:** Friday: 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.,  
Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.,  
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** Mount Royal Avenue & Cathedral Street, Charles Street, Bolton Hill, and Station North Arts & Entertainment District neighborhoods.

**FREE and open to the public!**

## Howard County Fair



Celebrate summer at the Howard County Fair from Saturday August 5 through August 12, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Ride amusement rides, visit agricultural and livestock exhibits, watch the parade, and

purchase locally made arts and crafts. This week is fun for the whole family. Grab some deep fried Oreos and catch a ride on the Ferris wheel! Learn how to square dance! Participate in a pie eating contest! Visit the [Fair website](#) to plan your trip.

## HopeWorks News

### Childcare Volunteers



In just an hour you can help improve someone's life! [HopeWorks](#) seeks caring individuals to serve as volunteers, providing much-needed, on-site childcare for their clients. Childcare Volunteers do not have to change diapers or attend to bathroom needs. As a Childcare Volunteer you can play

games, read stories or create art as you supervise children whose parents are attending counseling sessions. Volunteers are especially needed during the day, Monday through Thursday (and occasionally on the weekends) for 60 to 90 minutes per visit. Email [Brittany](#) or call 410-997-0304 to receive more information or an application.

### HopeWorks' Podcast Project

Join HopeWorks of Howard County's community educators/resident radicals Brittany Eltringham and Heidi Griswold for a frank discussion on gender-based violence and its intersections with different identities. A blend of popular culture and social justice, the show is committed to healing, laughing, and loving a way to a world free from exploitation, oppression, and violence. To listen to this month's podcast, visit the website, [Identifying our Intersections](#).

### Women's Support Group

Location: 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 300, Columbia

Meets: Every Wednesday

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

HopeWorks offers a [Women's Support Group](#) for women who are experiencing or have recently experienced intimate partner violence. This is an ongoing weekly group; participants may come every week or whenever they are able. The program is free, but registration is required. For more information or to register call 410-997-0304.

## Merriweather Movie Nights

Have you gone to a Merriweather Movie Night yet? Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with enough time to purchase dinner and head for the lawn before the projector starts rolling at 7:30 p.m. *Moana* will be shown on July 26 and *School of Rock* will be on August 30. Don't miss out!

## HCC Is For Kids, Too!

Howard Community College's Kids on Campus program provides enrichment education for youth ages 7 to 17. Summer classes include morning and afternoon programs with supervised lunch, before and after care, running now through August 18. There are so many subjects and skills to learn! Register now, classes are filling quickly. [Check here](#) to see the classes that are still available.



## Star Party

On Saturday, July 29, Howard Astronomical League (HAL) is hosting a Public Star Party at the HAL Observatory at Alpha Ridge Park in Marriottsville from 8:15 - 11:00 p.m. Come enjoy Jupiter, Saturn, and other celestial objects through telescopes set up by HAL members as well as live images of the first quarter Moon on a big screen as seen through the observatory's Watson Telescope. See [HAL's website](#) for more information and directions.

## Summer @ Your Library

Read and participate in activities to unlock virtual badges and win prizes when you enroll in Howard County Library System's (HCLS) *Summer @ Your Library: Build a Better World for children, teens and adults*. Whether you participate in the new online experience or traditional print version, participants can choose from a variety of activities and reading options.



Complete the required number of books or activities to earn virtual badges valid for prizes and/or enter in branch and grand prize drawings. Collect your virtual badge online, or come into the library and with your booklet to log your progress. Reading may be substituted for any activity. For more information, visit the [library system's website](#) or visit any HCLS branches. Enroll now!

## Call for Artists!

The Bernice Kish Gallery at Slayton House is accepting applications for artists to exhibit at the galleries for the 2018 gallery season. The Gallery Screening Committee will be reviewing applications in the Spring of 2017 for artists to exhibit in 2018. Applications will be considered on an ongoing basis. Applications can be found on [the Wilde Lake website](#).

Send the completed application to:

Carole Black, Gallery Director

Bernice Kish Gallery at Slayton House

10400 Cross Fox Lane

Columbia, MD 21044

or email: [gallery@wildelake.org](mailto:gallery@wildelake.org)



## Volunteer at the Arc

The Arc is the oldest and largest non-profit organization in Howard County that provides services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This organization is made up of people helping people in the most fundamental ways, from job coaches to dedicated volunteers. They're always looking for people passionate about helping others. Visit the [Arc's website](#) for more information on how you can give back.

## Let's Science Summer!

Each week this summer the Maryland Science Center will take a look at a different summer theme and build, heat, freeze, take apart, and blow things up. A different summer theme kicks off each week starting on Saturdays and continues all week long, all summer long! You never know what will be in store on the day you visit but here's a look at what's in store over the next few weeks.



### Baseball

**July 22nd - 28th**

Dissect baseballs to see what's inside, launch objects with our pitching machine, make DIY chewing gum and more as we discover the science behind America's favorite pastime.

### Camping

**July 29th - August 4th**

Ah, the great outdoors! Make your own DIY flashlight, watch fire turn colors as different chemicals are added, navigate an orienteering course, explore tent engineering, and more in a week dedicated to one of summer's most popular activities.

### Ice and Cool

**August 5th - 11th**



We waited for the dog days of August to explore ice and cool things this summer. Liquid Nitrogen and Dry Ice play a huge role in this week of frozen fun. Plus, design a snowball launcher and think about snow during the hottest days of the year.

## CA Lakefront Movie Series

Pack a picnic, grab your family and enjoy Monday and Friday summer nights by watching free screenings of your favorite movies at the Lakefront. Movies begin at 8:30 p.m. each night; don't miss out! Here are the next 5 feature films:

Friday, July 21	Captain America: Civil War
Monday, July 24	Finding Dory
Friday, July 28	La La Land
Monday, July 31	The Little Mermaid
Friday, August 4	Hidden Figures

## Reminders & Upcoming Events

### Columbia Association Kids Triathlon

**Sunday, July 23 • 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

Hickory Ridge Village

This is a reminder to please exercise extreme caution while driving on July 23 and if you are able, plan your day around the biking and running portion of this event. Keep these young athletes safe! For more information, visit the [event page](#).

### Howard County Film Festival

**Tuesday, July 25 • 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

Clark's Eliaok Farm

10500 Clarksville Pike

Featuring local farmers, restaurants, music and an agricultural focused film, this event is free and open to the public. Enjoy fresh produce and tasty food, shop at local artisan booths, and sit down for the feature film, "Forgotten Farms." For more information, visit the [event website](#).

### Teen Open Mic Nights Tuesdays

**Tuesday, July 25 and Tuesday, August • 6:45 p.m.**

Teens have a chance to show off their musical talent and perform at the Lakefront. Sign-up starts at 6:45 p.m. on a first come, first served basis. Sorry, no bands with drum sets. For more information, [email the Columbia Association](#).

### National Night Out

**Tuesday, August 1 • 6:00 p.m.**

Main Street, Ellicott City

This is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while fostering a true sense of community. Residents are encouraged to attend events in their community ([list available here](#))!

## Shop Local

Supplement your trips to your local grocers by visiting a Farmers' Market. Click [here](#) to visit any (or all) of the Farmers' Markets in the county.



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